

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments, and early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the May 21, 2007 Office Action.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner identifies two species, namely, Group I to which the Examiner believes claims 1-22, 32-39 and 41 are directed, and Group II to which the Examiner believes claims 23-31 and 40 are directed.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with this position, to advance prosecution and in response to this Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect the species of Group I, to which at least previously pending claims 1-22, 32-39 and 41 are directed.

In addition, as indicated above, Applicants have amended claims 1, 19, 29-33, 37 and 41 to differently recite the invention, and added new dependent claims 42-45. The amendment of claims 1, 19, 33 and 37 and addition of claims 42-45 which depend from claims 1, 19, 33 and 37, respectively, are intended to effectively move the "multiphoton" recitation previously found in claims 1, 19, 33 and 37 to dependent claims 42-45. Claims 29-31 were amended to remove certain "void" terminology from these claims. Claims 32 and 41 were amended to correct typographical errors. None of these amendments is believed to be a narrowing amendment. Claims 1-45 are now pending.

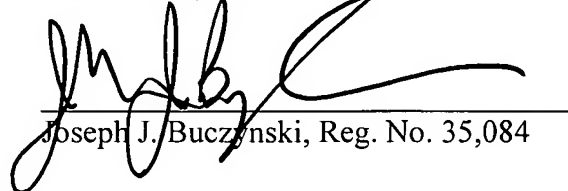
Moreover, Applicants submit that upon the allowance of any generic claim (e.g., amended claim 1), Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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